

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

July 21st, 2016

1. Called to order at 7:30P.M. Sunshine law was announced and the flag was saluted

Members: Rich Beswick, Dave Chiddenton, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Julia Levoch-Day,

Sal Russomanno and Art Shaw

Green Team Members: Dennis LaMagna, Rick Yeatman

Excused Members: Liaison: Al Campbell, Craig Buffington

2. Meeting open to the Public: Dan McGinnis made a presentation on installing Bat Houses at multiple retention pond locations as a part of his Eagle Scout requirements. D. Chiddenton will check to make sure that the gates will be open so they have access to the ponds. They want to start July 31st and it should only take one day. Dave said that all the proper forms have been filled out with the Township.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by S. Russomanno that the July minutes be approved. The minutes were approved.

4. Report from Township Committee Liaison: No report

5. Report from Land and Use Member: S. Russomanno reported that the Land and Use Board approved the Cell Tower off Jackson. The area will not be for parking and it may be fenced off and "No Parking" signs will be installed.

6. Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the Girl Scout troop "Five Star Service Unit" has completed their third clean-up and weeding at the corner of Atco and Raritan Aves. D. Chiddenton reported that the Township has hired 4 people under the Clean Communities program. We are waiting for time sheets so we can submit the information.

7. Old Business:

Race Track: D. Chiddenton reviewed the letter sent to Mr. Capone concerning the parcels of land that were cleared for blueberry agricultural use and the other violations that had occurred at the race track by the previous owners. The Pinelands Commission asked that Mr. Capone respond within 30 days of the July letter to correct the problems or to set up a site meeting to discuss the violations. R. Beswick made a motion and it was seconded by S. Russomanno that a letter be sent to Township Committee stating that members of the Environmental Commission would like attend the meeting. Motion was passed.

Storm drains: C. Buffington was not available to report on the progress being made on marking the drains.

Car Littering Bags: D Chiddenton wanted to order the litter bags in time for Waterford Twp. Day. R. Beswick was going to check with the War Memorial Committee as to who they used and check pricing.

8. New Business:

Gibbons Court Retention Pond: The problem with the home owners' shed blocking access to the pond has been worked out and the bid to clean up the retention pond has been awarded.

Ed Paul letter of intent: The vote has been postponed until the entire Township Committee was available.

9. Sustainable Actions: D. Chiddenton listed actions that are ready to be submitted. He also reviewed the actions that the members have been working on.

10. Comments from Membership: A. Shaw said that he has heard from some people complaining about an abandon property at 2353 Ellwood. The grass has not been cut and the fence has come down. The pool was sprayed by the County, but the pool is not fenced in and has become a hazard. D. Chiddenton was aware of the property and would look into the situation. R. Beswick said that he was going to look into the grants for Solar power through Sustainable Jersey and would let us know what he finds out at our next meeting.

11. Meeting open to the public: Rick Yeatman gave a run down on the Cell Tower. One acre will be cleared for the tower. The land will still be owned by the Township. An area will be cleared for parking to give access to the Tower operator. The area will not be paved and it would be left natural. William Furterer stated that the Race Track has not been picking up trash after their events. He said the he picked up three bags of litter across from the track after the last event. It was suggested that we should put a "No Littering" sign on Jackson Rd. across from the track.

12. Adjourn: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by T. Chiddenton to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next Meeting: August 18th, 2016